"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
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That Western Wind last Friday did a great job of removing leaves.

Many communities have ordinances that prohibit the burning of leaves. Although there is no such regulation here, we should avoid the practice. This can be "your thing" in reducing air pollution.

Air pollution isn't just one big thing, it's the many little things come together.

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It's about time to plan for that turkey. Some years ago we reported a method of cooking turkey for an hour and leaving the bird in the over over night. Last year we suggested that it might be best to forget the method. But it was easy to use and quite popular.

Well we finally got some pretty good research on the method that confirms the idea of going to a different proceedure.

An 11 3/4 pound turkey was completely thawed in the refrigerator. Meat thermometers were inserted at critical points. The internal temperature never went above 160 degrees. The recommended temperature is 175-180 degrees.

The oven temperature decreased rapidly and after an hour the oven was no warmer than the turkey.

For most of the time the internal temperature of the bird was between 45 and 120 degrees which is ideal for bacteria to grow.

Therefore, we make the point, DO NOT use this method for turkey cooking – you may be inviting an unwelcomed guest.

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There's a new plan out for constructing a grain-feed handling center. It's a Pole-type construction.

There are a number of farms that could use this method.

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Beginning with the December issue of Livestock Breeders Journal watch for a one page spread on Lynchburg Feeder Cattle – it will appear in the Virginia Cattlemen's section.

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A hearing will be held on December 10 in Richmond concerning the elimination of certain pesticides from general use.

If you depend on pesticides, you should be heard.

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Speaking of pesticides, no one is more concerned about the proper use than farmers. They aren't free – they cost money – many of them are quite expensive. Excessive use can harm the crop or injure animals. The farmer has long been aware of their importance and the role they play.

The head of Malaria Eradication for the World Health Organization says, "The withdrawal of DDT would mean the interruption of most malaria eradication programs throughout the world. To date, there is no insecticide that could effectively replace DDT.

Take the situation in Ceylon. In 1950 more than 2 million cases of malaria were reported. A DDT control program started in the '50's. In 1962 31 cases were reported. In 1963 there were 17 cases. In 1964 DDT was discontinued and 130 cases reported, 1965, 308 cases, 1966, 499 cases, 1967, 3,466 cases, 1968 more than 1 million cases. In 1969 the DDT program was initiated again.

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Farmers Discuss Corn Blight

Gerald Long, District Salesmanager for Dekalb Corn lead a very informative discussion on the Southern Corn Leaf Blight to the Appomattox County High School Young Farmer Class on Mon., Nov. 30, 1970. Mr. Long suggests that all farmers plant corn as early as possible this year, and that all farmers should put in their seed corn orders right away. From left to right: Sammy Martin, president of Young Farmer; Mr. Holt, Local dealer Dekalb Corn; Earl Pickett, member of young farmer class; Gerald Long, District Sales Manager, Dekalb Corn; and Dennis Torrence, Young Farmer Advisor.

Sherwill 4-H Club

Recognition was given two present at the meeting of the Sherwill 4-H Club. Mr. C. E. Carson, Extension Agent and Thomas Evans were given tokens prior to their attending National Convention in Chicago. Carolyn Giles, President, presided. Devotions were led by Cathy Jones. Thomas Evans led the group in pledges to the flags, followed by Terry Coffey reading the minutes.

The following members gave a brief explanation concerning their part on the program presented to a local club: Glen Giles Entomology; Terry Coffey; Photography and All Star; Gayle Carson, Horse Champ; Kathy Jones, Junior Camp; James Hancock, III, June Is Dairy Month; Carolyn Giles, Make It With Wool and Jane Garrette, "I Am The Nation." Mrs. Hunter Evans reported on the leaders meeting that she attended. Adult leaders who received pins for service were recognized. Sherwill leaders were Mrs. Hunter Evans, Mrs. James MacKenzie, Mrs. Lyle Garrette, and Mrs. Melvin Giles.

Members reporting on ribbons, awards and certificates received at the County Achievement Night were as follows: Terry Coffey, James Hancock, III, Carolyn Giles, Cheryl Crance, Cathy and Judy Raasch. Kathy Raach reported on the Wool Wool Dressmaking contest held in Winchester, Va. Jane Garrette received a blue ribbon in the senior suit division. Carolyn Giles, blue in the senior coat division and will represent Virginia in further competition. Raasch, blue in junior dress division and was selected as alternate for further competition. The national contest will be held in January in Las Vegas.

December 22 will be Caroling night for the club with refreshments at Terry Coffey's home.

Mr. C. E. Carson gave an interesting and informative talk on photography and newspaper reporting.

James Hancock III, Rep.

STONEWALL

"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." Col. 3:14

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited her brother, Josh Alvis, and Mr. Glover at the hospital on last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krantz and Connie visited her mother in Lynchburg Sunday.

Mrs. Elsie Krantz visited her sister, Mrs. Earnest Guill, in Lynchbug Sunday.

Mrs. Lucille Burnett and Aubrey visited Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee Sunday at Appomattox.

Mr. Phil Harrison was the guest of his brother, Tom Harrison and wife, over the Thanksgiving holidays in Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Clinton Gallispie was a visitor of Mrs. I. B. Wheeler last Monday.

Mrs. Helen Stratton visited Miss June Babcock Sunday at her home place.

Miss Kate Davidson is some better after going to Lynchburg to a doctor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Harrison visited the J. O. Davidson home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Tom Davidson, Mrs. Watts Moore and Mrs. Mundy Moore visited Mrs. Ruby Carson Sunday.

Mrs. Elsie Thornhill is home from the hospital.

Mr. Wallace Bondurant visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler, Sunday.

Mr. Bert Stratton is sick with a cold.

ROCKS

Dec. 7 – It is cold again around here.

A number of the farmers took their first tobacco last week to sell on opening day which is Tuesday.

Sympathy is extended the Harris family at Cullen in the death of Mrs. Lillian Dickerson Harris on last Sunday.

A large crowd was out for the Week of Prayer Program on Tuesday night at the parsonage.

A good number on Wednesday night for the Program by the young people. And on Friday afternoon at the Church.

Joanne Elder sprained her foot at school Wednesday.

Mrs. Mildred Inge, who entered the hospital Thursday passed away on Friday night. Sympathy is extended the family.

Rev. W. H. Elder spent Friday and Saturday at Eagle Eyrie.

A shower was given Phyllis Jamerson, bride to be, on Friday night. She received many useful gifts.

Mrs. Dillon of Appomattox arrived Wednesday to spend a few days with Mrs. Lockie Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ransone of Va. Beach arrived Saturday for the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Mildred Inge.

A very large crowd of friends and relatives gathered at Rocks Sunday afternoon to pay their last tribute of respect to their beloved friend and mother, Mrs. Mildred Inge.

Hog killing time was on hand around here last week and will continue this week.

Lewis Dickerson went to Lynchburg Saturday for a check up. Mrs. Dickerson and Christine accompanied him there.

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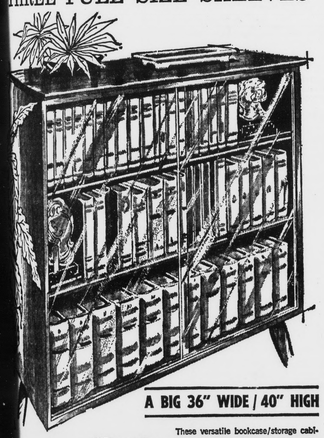

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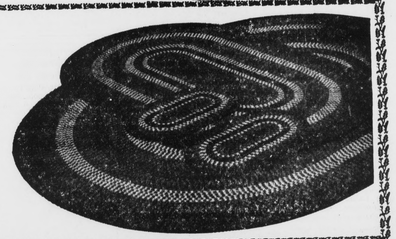

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